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LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF CENTRAL FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY, CALCUTTA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to lack of modernisation and infrastructure facilities in Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Calcutta, it takes two to three years for testing of samples, instead of one month time fixed for it.

(b) the annual capacity of CFSL for testing of sample:

(c) the year-wise details of samples pending with CFSL for test during the last three years; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government for modernisation of CFSL and expediting the work of sample testing?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): The Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Kolkata is one of the most advanced laboratories with appropriate levels of sophistication in the instrumentation facility and infrastructure are already available.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has declared it as `Centre of Excellence in Biological Sciences`. The Laboratory does not take 2 to 3 years for testing samples relating to crimes received at CFSL Kolkata.A few cases relating to DNA Finger Printing take about 6 months time since DNA samples are highly contaminated in nature and proper selective chemicals/probes are required to be imported for analysis using validated international testing methods. There is no prescribed time limit of one month and the time taken for disposal of a particular case depends upon nature and number of samples exhibits and other factors.

(b): The annual capacity of CFSL, Kolkata for testing of samples is as under:-

S.No.	Division	Annual Capacity (at present)+
1.	Biology Division	
	a) Biology & Serology	285
	b) DNA	105
2.	Physical Sciences	
	a) Ballistics	120
	b) Physics	140
3.	Chemical Sciences	
	a) Chemistry	120
	b) Explosives	110
	c) Toxicology	200
	Total	1080

+ Apart from crime case analysis, the scientists of CFSL Kolkata are engaged in research and development Projects also.

(c): The year -wise details of cases pending at CFSL, Kolkata during the last 3 years are under:-

Year	Pendency
1999	Nil
2000	Nil
2001 Biology, Serology, Ballistics Chemistry & Toxicology Divisions	Nil
DNA Division	2
Physics Division	2
Explosives Division	18

(d): The CFSL, Kolkata is a modernised Research and Development Laboratory. Sufficient budgetary allocations are being made every year to meet the various requirements of CFSL, Kolkata.